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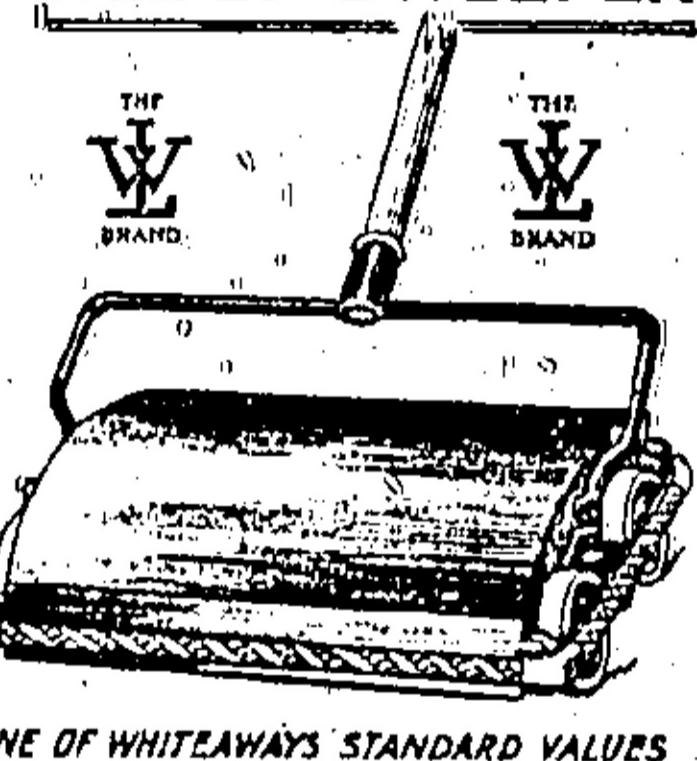


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HANKOW BOMBSHELL.

Mr. Eugene Chen Breaks Off Negotiations.

STRANGE OUTBURST.

Landing of Troops At Shanghai Resented.

"PERIOD OF DURESS."

Anti-British Posters Reappear In The Concession.

Hankow, February 2.

Mr. Eugene Chen has broken off negotiations, refusing to sign an agreement, when British armed forces are "concentrating" at Shanghai.—Reuter.

HANKOW BOMBSHELL.

Anti-British Posters Now Reappearing.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

Reuter is authoritatively informed that negotiations for the settlement of the Hankow and Kiukiang Concessions question between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen were concluded on Jan. 29, and on Jan. 31, the final corrections were made to the draft agreement which was to be signed that afternoon. The same day, however, Mr. Chen announced that unforeseen events had occurred which would prevent a signature of the agreement, and yesterday he explained in a formal statement that the Nationalist Government could not sign any agreement when British armed forces were concentrating at Shanghai.

These events have been fully reported by Mr. O'Malley who is now awaiting instructions as to how he should act.—Reuter.

New Year Gloom.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

The breakdown of the negotiations between Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley has not caused any very great surprise here, for though it was generally believed that a draft agreement had been drawn up for signature during the weekend it has been realised all along that the Foreign Minister was having a most difficult time endeavouring to win over the irreconcilable members of the Kuomintang to a reasonable settlement.

The dropping of this bombshell naturally clouded the New Year prospects.

It is significant that anti-British posters are already reappearing in the British Concession, even on the walls of the former Volunteer Headquarters, which is used as headquarters by the Chinese troops entrusted with the task of ensuring the peace of the Concession.—Reuter.

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"But at the same time he agreed to negotiate. Now he has suddenly held up the negotiations on the pretext that the British Government is sending troops. From this strange proceeding the deduction may fairly be drawn that Mr. Eugene Chen is not altogether a free agent."—British Wireless Service.

American Regret.

New York, Feb. 2.

The news that Mr. Eugene Chen has refused to continue

THE "SUFFOLKS."

Arriving To-morrow By "Achilles."

WILL BE LANDED HERE.

The a.s. "Achilles," with the 2nd Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment, will not arrive in Hong Kong until to-morrow morning, arrangements having been made for the ship to go alongside Holt's wharf.

It is understood that the troops will be landed and that the following arrangements have been made, information with regard to future destination not being at present available:

One Company will be stationed at Lyemun with the Royal Artillery.

Another Company will be stationed in Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, room having been made for them by a detachment of R.A.'s having moved out to Stonecutters'.

The remainder of the Battalion, comprising 2 Companies and Headquarters' Wing, will be accommodated at Victoria and Wellington Barracks.

treaties and other cognate matters settled by negotiations and agreement.

Menacing and Provocative.

"This impliedly covered, and it was so intended to cover, the question of the future status of the International Settlement at Shanghai, which it is not, and has never been within the contemplation of the Nationalist Government to occupy by force.

"It was believed that this might lead to a cessation, or at least a slowing down of the massing of British forces in China, and accordingly the Nationalist Government decided to take no

CUP \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" second Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Three competitors tied for first place.

Japan Upholds Britain.

Rugby, Feb. 1.

Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Budget Committee in Tokyo pointed out that it was impossible for Britain, owing to her geographical position, to wait upon events in Shanghai, and that the despatch of British troops to China was a proper and natural precautionary measure for the safety of British subjects.—British Wireless Service.

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BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Text of Our Offer To North And South.

SEVEN POINTS.

"Earnest of a Fair And Conciliatory Spirit."

The British proposals, the text of which is now released for publication, represent a "liberal and generous step" as an earnest of our "fair and conciliatory spirit."

COURTS IN CHINA.

Special Privileges Waived.

Rugby, Feb. 2.

The following is the text of the British proposals communicated to the Chinese authorities at Peking and Hankow on Jan. 27:

(1) His Majesty's Government are prepared to discuss and enter into arrangements according to the particular circumstances at each port concerned for modification of the municipal administration of British Concessions so as to bring them into line with the administrations of the special Chinese administrations set up in former Concessions, or for their amalgamation with former Concessions now under Chinese control, or for the transfer of police control of the Concession areas to the Chinese authorities.

(2) His Majesty's Government are prepared to recognise the validity of a reasonable Chinese Nationality Law.

(3) His Majesty's Government are prepared to apply as far as practicable in British Courts in China the modern Chinese civil and commercial codes—apart from procedure codes and those affecting personal status—and duly enacted subordinate legislation as and when such laws and regulations are promulgated and enforced in the Chinese Courts and on Chinese citizens throughout China.

(4) His Majesty's Government are prepared to accept the principle that Chinese converts should look to Chinese law and not to the treatment for protection; and that missionary, educational and medical institutions will conform to similar Chinese institutions.

When communicating these proposals to Mr. Chen at Hankow on January 27, Mr. O'Malley presented them with the following:

Liberal and Generous.

When a satisfactory settlement has been reached respecting the British Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang, and when assurance have been given by the Nationalist Government that they will not countenance any alteration except by negotiation of the status of the British Concessions and the international settlements, His Majesty's Government will be prepared to concede at once and on the lines indicated in the enclosure hereto part of what is desired of them by the Chinese Nationalist Party. So liberal and generous a step cannot in their view be regarded otherwise than as an earnest of the fair and conciliatory spirit with which they are animated.—British Wireless Service.

BEGGARS DEPORTED.

A CIRCUS IN THE POLICE COURT.

Seventeen monkeys, two goats and a number of performing dogs figured in the compound of Central Police Station this morning, prior to deportation to Shanghai.

The proprietors of the travelling circuses concerned passed the time by giving exhibitions of their shows to a number of Sikhs recently recruited from India, the latter not hesitating in remunerating the performing monkeys and their owners.

Their presence in the station was the sequel to a special "round-up" conducted by the Police during the past forty-eight hours.

Fifty-three beggars, most of whom were old offenders, were also deported this morning.

BRICK-BATS THROWN.

INCIDENT AT WANCHAI LAST NIGHT.

What might have developed into a serious fray between Chinese and sailors occurred last night outside the Seamen's Institute. The timely arrival of the police prevented further trouble.

The setting fire to the coat of a Chinese passer-by is said to have started the trouble. A sailor standing nearby with a cigarette was accused of the act. Other sailors resented the accusation, a crowd of Chinese collected and brick-bats were thrown, many entering the Institute where a whitewash drive was in progress.

The Police were informed and on their arrival the crowd dispersed.

An exhibition of work will be

held at the Central British School, Kowloon, on Monday, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday's return of notifiable

diseases in the Colony, as reported to the Medical Officer of Health, comprised:

Small-pox: 1 case from the city,

1 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaukiwan (all Chinese)—2 deaths.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 3 cases,

of which 1 was Chinese and 2 British (1 imported). Two were from the city and one from Kowloon—1 death.

Cerebro-spinal fever: 1 Chinese case from the city.

Puerperal fever: 1 Chinese case from the city.

Small-pox: 1 Indian case from Shaukiwan.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

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FIFTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON

SATURDAY, 5th February, at 9.15 p.m. at the

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

15 Round Contest for Middleweight Championship of the Colony

A. H. EWEN
H.M.S. "Hermes"

vs.
STOKER NORMAN MORRIS
H.M.S. "Hermes"

Also:
10 Round Lightweight Contest

L. S. MALL
H.M.S. "Vittoria"

vs.
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H.M.S. "Dundee"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

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Mainland.

Tai Mo Shan..... 8124

Kowloon Peak..... 1971

NOTICES.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the abovementioned Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the words "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings

"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Votes of Members

"80. On a show of hands every member present in person shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

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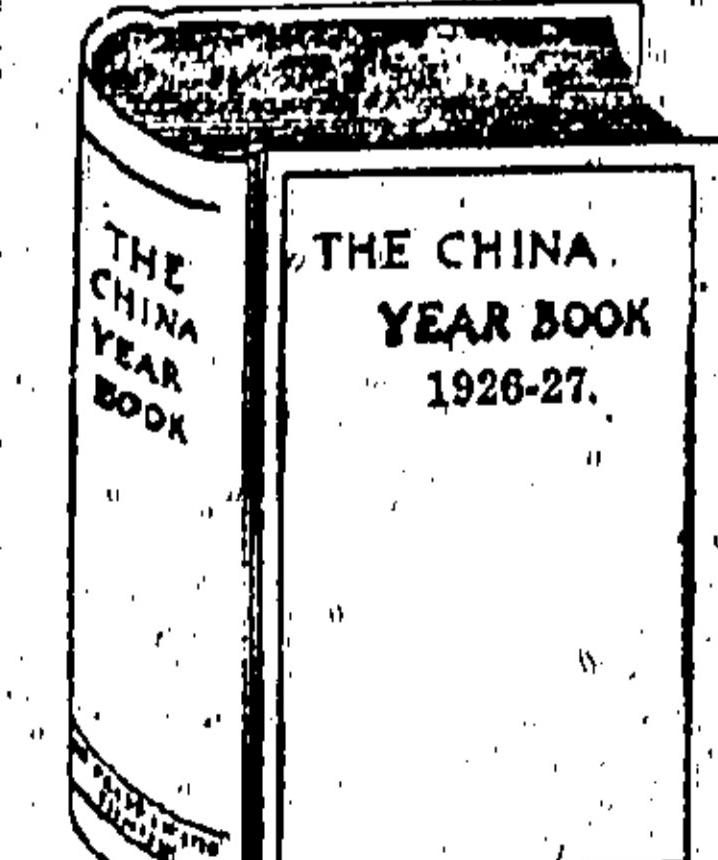
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The French Government is making an inventory of its possessions in the way of gold and silver plate, tapestry, pictures, and precious furniture.

This does not include objects in the museums of Paris and provincial towns and art collections scattered all over France, but those of the "household equipment" of the Government. The list includes state possessions in London, Rome, Berlin, and Madrid, Washington, Peking, and elsewhere.

Every French Embassy abroad and many Legations and Consulates contain furniture by such masters as Riesener or Jacob, carpets from Aubusson, and tapestries from Beauvais, with china from Sevres and Limoges.

The value of these national possessions has never been estimated. It is certainly well over \$20,000,000, but it may be twice or even five times that sum.

The French describe these possessions as the "nationals wardrobe." They are housed when not in use—and not more than one-twentieth of them are touched once in the year, the rest being stored away.

Rolled Up For 50 Years.

There are magnificent Savonnerie carpets more than 70 feet long by 30 broad, which have been rolled up with their necessary accompaniment of pepper and naphthaline for more than fifty years. It is said that it would take forty men to unroll and sweep them, and it is now feared that they may be becoming rotten on the folds.

Precious gold and silver thread embroidery tapestries are hung in series of dozens and dusted once every six months. In the attics of the State warehouses behind doors lie, deep under the dust of scores of years, quaint oak and mahogany coffers containing gold and silver work. There are armchairs, dishes, and salvers, all snugly encased in their mother-of-pearl baize covers.

And close by, in another set of coffers, are hundreds of gold and silver articles of church plate. These have been amassed through centuries for the use of French Kings and Queens at marriages and baptisms and are strangely out of place in the present secular French Republic.

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In addition to these taxes were paid on 127,248 horse-drawn vehicles, realising \$98,459. Total gross receipts for the year were thus \$19,032,682, but this figure is subject to adjustment as regards refunds allowed in respect of pre-1913 engines amounted to \$27,000. Approximately \$192,000 was refunded in respect of 36,068 licences.

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No. of Received Licences at Tax

Vehicle. Nov. 30. 2

Cars taxed on horse-power..... 642,850 9,054,681

Cycles..... 498,265 1,500,972

Invalid vehicles..... 819 205

Commercial goods vehicles..... 257,283 5,228,445

Read locomotives, &c. 1,558 48,477

Motor ploughs, &c. 16,304 4,076

Motor tractors, &c. 1,298 24,130

Motor hackneys..... 82,677 2,378,074

Tramcars..... 14,130 10,589

General trade licences..... 2,824 68,605

Limited trade licences..... 11,725 61,059

Exempt vehicle licences..... 17,568 —

Total motor vehicles..... 1,647,391 18,364,319

Horse-drawn (private)..... 109,056 84,824

Horse-drawn (hackneys)..... 18,193 18,635

Total horse-drawn..... 127,248 98,459

The average receipt of a whole year licence was \$14.176.

A few days later Mrs. Hofheimer returned to the shop, accompanied by her husband, with the intention of making more purchases. The jeweller pointed out that his employee had made a mistake, and offered to return the 1,000 francs if his client did not feel disposed to pay 10,000 francs for the bracelet. The Americans declined to part with the bracelet, and a police commissioner tried to settle the matter, which presented difficulties in view of the fact that, though a mistake had been made, the jeweller was responsible for the error of his assistant. The Americans holding to their decision to keep the bracelet, the jeweller took legal action, and the president of the tribunal ordered its seizure. The Americans appealed against this decision to the judge of referees, who upheld it, as did also the Fifth Chamber of the court. A decision on the legal aspect of the sale has yet to be given.

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PRESIDENT MONROE	Tuesday, Feb. 15th	8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT WILSON	Tuesday, Mar. 1st	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT VAN BUREN	Tuesday, Mar. 15th	8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT HAYES	Tuesday, Mar. 29th	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT POLK	Tuesday, Apr. 12th	8.00 a.m.

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TO MANILA.

PRESIDENT TAFT	Feb. 4th	3.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY	Feb. 8th	3.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT MONROE	Feb. 15th	8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	Feb. 21st	5.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT WILSON	Mar. 1st	6.00 a.m.

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APPOINTMENTS OF SHIP OFFICERS.

Captain G. E. Plunkett, of the "Anking," is on reserve.

Captain A. J. Scott, of the "Kalgan," has gone master, "Anking."

Captain D. H. Martin, of the "King Yuan," has gone master, "Kalgan."

Captain J. Johnstone, of the "Luchow," has gone master, "King Yuan."

Captain E. M. Bellie, of the "Taming," is on reserve.

Captain J. D. Fraser, from reserve, has gone master, "Taming."

Captain P. R. G. Cumming, of the "Fooksang," has gone master.

Captain M. Costello, from Home leave, has gone master, "Fooksang."

Captain L. H. Hutchings, of the "Hopsang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Pirie, second officer, "Tingkang," is on acting second officer.

Mr. S. A. Merchant, second officer, "Loongwo," is on reserve.

Mr. J. H. McHaren, second officer, "Nanchang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. G. Stuart, chief engineer, "Ningpo," has gone chief engineer, "Soochow."

Mr. K. Logan, chief engineer, "Tainan," is on reserve.

Mr. J. McBride, second engineer, "Tainan," has gone second engineer, "Kalgan."

Mr. W. Paxton, supply second engineer, "King Yuan," has gone second engineer, "Tuna."

Mr. C. E. V. Fyffe, second engineer, "Hupeh," is on reserve.

Mr. W. R. Woodman, supply second engineer, "Sunning," is on reserve.

Mr. R. H. McLaren, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Hupeh."

Mr. J. C. Campbell, third engineer, "Ninghai," has gone third engineer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. C. E. V. Fyffe, second engineer, "Hupeh," is on reserve.

Mr. C. C. Warren, chief officer, "Cheongshink," has gone chief officer, "Namsang."

Mr. C. C. Warren, chief officer, "Cheongshink," has gone chief officer, "Namsang."

Mr. L. McRae, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Yungsang."

Mr. J. Findlater, third engineer, "Fausang," has gone supply third engineer, "Tingsang."

Captain J. S. Thompson, from Home leave, has gone master, "Huiyang."

Captain W. S. Turnbull, of the "Haiyang," is on Home leave.

"Shipping and Engineering."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe on Feb. 1, at 9 a.m., left that port on the same day, at 5 p.m., and was due at Yokohama yesterday, at 2 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 30, at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here to-morrow, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nellore" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 29, at 6 a.m., and is due here to-morrow at about noon.

The Ben Line s.s. "Ronald" from Leith, Antwerp, London and Stralsund, is due to arrive here on Feb. 5.

The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on Jan. 26, and is due here on or about

March 2.

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STEAMERS	H.Kong	Shat	Kobe	Y'hama	V'ver
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 19
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

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		Ahead	
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KIDNEYPORE	5,334	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	5,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,852	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
KASHGAR	9,095	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,122	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,144	9th April	M'les, L'ion, Antwerp, R'dam & Hull
DEVANNA	8,166	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOKHA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,095	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,122	23rd July	Marseilles and London

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TILAWA	10,000	11th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	13th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	5,257	8th March	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,950	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
ARAFURA	6,000	20th April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	

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NELLORE	6,853	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,850	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	10,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
CAMBHIRA	5,257	18th Feb.	Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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DEVANNA	8,166	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
PERIM	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,853	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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STRIKING FIGURES.

AMERICAN SHIPPING BOARD LOSSES.

50% CUT IN TWO YEARS.

The tenth annual report of the U.S. Shipping Board shows that the losses sustained by the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the operation of Government ships were reduced by more than 50 per cent. from the fiscal year 1924 to the fiscal year 1926. During 1926 the amount of losses was less than \$4,000,000, the report states, while in 1925, they were about \$6,000,000 and in 1924 about \$28,000,000. Reduction of these losses, it is shown by the report, is an important feature of the Shipping Board's programme of liquidating the large emergency fleet of which the Government found itself in possession at the close of the war.

Improved Cargo Operations.

Part of the reduction in losses during 1926 and preceding years was the result of savings incident to the sale of ships. This was in accordance with the purpose of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, of establishing a permanent merchant marine ultimately to be privately owned. A much greater part of the reduction, however, is directly traceable to improved operations, particularly in the cargo services maintained by the board. Better revenues obtained and expenses were kept within reasonably limits, the report says, with the result that average losses on operations were materially reduced.

The tenth annual report of the Shipping Board constitutes largely a review of its work in the establishment and maintenance of an adequate merchant marine and its liquidation and marine development programmes. Due to the fact that the merchant marine planning committee of the board is preparing a report in the maintenance of American shipping, the board's annual report does not contain any new recommendations to Congress.

The Government-owned merchant fleet was reduced during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, by a total of 350 ships, representing 1,671,390 d.w. tons, the report states. This reduction was accomplished by selling ships to private interests, both for operation and for scrapping purposes. With these sales, the total Government-owned fleet was reduced to 681 vessels of 6,876,063 tons in the aggregate. Among the 350 ships disposed of were 109 (totaling 813,820 d.w. tons), all practically without market value as commerce carriers, sold to the Ford Motor Company for scrapping purposes.

The Loan Fund.

The report shows the amount at present credited to the construction loan fund is £12,166,093, including repayments on account of principal of outstanding loans, which repayments amount in the aggregate to £79,093. The amount at present on hand is subject to the following commitments, however: namely, £1,460,000 on loans which have been assured by the board, and also as much as the board may transfer from the construction loan fund to meet obligations, in excess of funds otherwise available for that use, incident to the Diesel conversion programme of the board authorised by the act of June 5, 1924, which act, however, limits the expenditures for that purpose to £5,000,000. Based on the amount of funds at present available from other sources for this use, the amount which may be drawn from the construction loan fund in connection with the Diesel conversion programme is about £3,000,000; hence, the amount available for current loans under possible new application is about £7,600,000. The total amount credited to this fund during the five-year period of accumulation from June 3, 1920, to June 5, 1925, was £15,909,860.

Sale of Vessels.

During that period, however, the sum of £22,361,790 was transferred from the fund back to the general fund of the United States Treasury on the ground that this deposit was not justified by the provision of the Act. While ample funds were received from sales of vessels and other property during the five-year period to have justified the setting aside of the entire sum of £25,000,000, as authorised by the Act, the report states that amount was not set aside, due in large measure to the fact that appropriation acts had required a large part of the proceeds of sales to be applied to current expense of operation, and funds were, therefore, not always available for the annual allotment to the construction-loan fund.

Action on the bills of Mr. Scott, of Michigan, in the House, and of Senator Jones, of Washington, in the Senate, having in view not only procuring for the fund the several amounts lost to it under technical rulings, but also having in view an increase of the fund to the amount originally designed by Congress, namely, £25,000,000, the report explains, was not practicable before the last adjournment of Congress but they have been sympathetically considered and it is the hope of the Shipping Board that they will be passed at the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

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NEW YEAR.

LOCAL FESTIVE SPIRIT.

In spite of vague rumours that all would not be well, another China New Year has been celebrated in Hong Kong in time-honoured style. There was no doubt that tightness of money was a big factor in the annual "settlement" on Tuesday, but so far at least, it has yet to be learned that there were many "crashes."

Late on China New Year Eve, it seemed that everybody had done his best and the spirit of festivity was entered into thoroughly. There were significant empty patches at the bazaar to show which trade had done best in the scramble for festive funds. Flowers were sold for the proverbial song but these considered to be of "joss" significance went for fancy prices.

Sentiment and Practice.

Yesterday and to-day, the first days of the year, were given over to visits of formal character and dignified observance.

One still wished—without thinking of the supposed shortage of money—all good luck for a friend during the current year and then in the same breath suggested a game of "pai kau" or "fantan" with which to counter the sentiments of "Kung Hay Fat Choy."

Trams, motor-cars, rickshas and ferries carried load after load of gaily dressed Chinese bent on pleasure, offering felicitations to friends and relatives, and showing the true holiday spirit.

Largesse for Kiddies.

To-morrow, the third day of the year, is not considered good for visiting, the ladies associating with it a superstition of gossip and petty quarrels.

A gradual return to business will commence on Saturday and the holiday spirit will practically be over by Monday. Kiddies in European families who have received the "lucky red paper" (with a five cent piece inside) from the cook or amah, may still expect to be favoured with this form of largesse as late as the fifteenth day of the first moon.

The restaurants at West Point are open and the theatres played to capacity houses.

"T.N.T." BY AIR.**THE LATEST WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION.**

London.—The fact that an unmaned aeroplane carrying T.N.T. had been propelled a distance of thirty-five miles in America was mentioned by Captain Garro Jones, M.P., at a meeting of the 1920 Club in London in the course of an address on "Air Development."

The catapult system of launching aeroplanes from the decks of ships, said Captain Jones, had important and immediate possibilities, and it would not be many years before great liners approaching the heads of Europe or America would discharge from their upper deck flights of small aeroplanes, loaded with urgent mail or with special passengers. This development would come the sooner because it did not involve the more difficult problem of alighting on the deck from the air. A matter that required the attention of the British people was that aeroplanes were being developed more rapidly as weapons of destruction than as commercial machines. In the United States unmaned aeroplanes, carrying a tremendous destructive force in the form of T.N.T., had been propelled on to objectives thirty-five miles distant. If this distance were increased to 100 miles (as it shortly would be), London would become hopelessly vulnerable to that form of attack from the Continent.

JAIL AND THE BIRCH.

When a Chinese was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with returning from banishment, Sub-Inspect. Vincent informed Mr. Lindsell that the man had five previous convictions for larceny and had been banished twice previously. His Worship sent the man to jail for nine months with twenty strokes of the birch.

DREW HIS KNIFE.

"If you are fighting with a man that's no excuse for drawing a knife," said Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to a Chinese charged with that offence. His Worship passed sentence of fourteen days' hard labour.

Under a new decree of the Italian Council of Ministers, all prices of goods sold by tradesmen are to be fixed by committees of manual and intellectual labourers. Heavy fines will be imposed upon any tradesman who exceeds the fixed prices. For a second offence the penalty will be the closing of his shop.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.Result of the Second
Puzzle.**THREE COMPETITORS TIE**

The "China Mail" has pleasure in announcing the result of its second Cross-Word Puzzle Competition for which three competitors have tied with six errors each.

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In accordance with the rules, cheques will be sent four days hence, to the winners under registered cover, together with the congratulations of the "China Mail."

There were six competitors with only seven errors each.

The correct solutions are as follows:

Across.

1. BATHS; 4, ARC; 6, NONET; 9, RA; 12, ER; 13, RENATE; 14, OFFERS; 16, REEKS; 19, TO; 21, DING; 23, ISLE; 25, FA; 26, AFT; 28, OCT; 30, PIN; 31, FATED; 32, MATER; 35, WAS; 36, DEN; 37, HIT; 38, ACT; 40, DAB; 42, FOE; 43, SOCKETS; 47, LUG; 49, OD; 50, SINE; 51, NEAP; 53, TO; 54, PANE; 55, ARIA; 58, LYRE; 60, PIE; 62, SOD; 64, AP; 65, WENDS; 66, TA; 67, SKIMS; 68, AGE; 69, QUIT.

Down.

2, ARE; 3, TANG; 5, RAVE; 7, NEED; 8, ERR; 10, FERN; 11, TOSS; 13, RUTA; 15, SCAN; 17, EGO; 18, KIT; 20, OFF; 22, IDES; 24, LOAD; 25, FIR; 27, TAWIE; 29, CHECK; 30, PENAL; 32, TAT; 34, TED; 37, HOD; 38, ACE; 39, TEN; 41; 42, FOIL; 43, SINK; 44, ONE; 45, TEA; 46, SARK; 48, GOOD; 50, SA; 52, PI; 54, PERI; 55, TING; 57, ASTI; 59, YAK; 60, PEAT; 61, EDE; 63, OAT.

DIOCESAN BOYS.**PROSPECTUS OF SCHOOL WORKING.****THE NEW BUILDINGS.**

The prospectus of Diocesan Boys' School is published in compact and very readable form with a perspective view of the new School buildings when the whole is complete, details of school working and pictures of the interior.

The School was opened on the island of Hong Kong in 1860 as a school for Chinese girls. From 1868 to 1890 children of both sexes of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage, were admitted. A separate girls' school was opened about 1890 and since that date only boys of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage have been admitted. In recent years as many as twelve nationalities have been represented in the school.

The site formation for the new school on the mainland was begun in March 1924, and the work on the buildings in August 1924. In July 1925 owing to local conditions it was decided to omit one storey and the tower. The School moved into the new buildings in March 1926.

The School has always been well known throughout the Far East for its high standard in general work, in discipline, and in results in examinations.

There are normally 450 boys in the school, 100 of whom are Boarders. About 300 of the boys are Chinese.

The booklet containing the prospectus also sets out the description of the site and buildings when complete.

The full staff under the headmastership of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Headmaster), The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, The Rev. H. C. Moyle, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, The Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. T. G. Weall, with the Honorary Secretary (Rev. N. V. Hardward).

The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong; Mr. G. S. Archibald, Major E. J. Bone, Professor G. T. Byrne, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, The Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Headmaster), The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, The Rev. H. C. Moyle, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, The Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. T. G. Weall, with the Honorary Secretary (Rev. N. V. Hardward).

If parents began with the very young children to train the skin to exposure to the air there would not be that danger, when they grew up, from the vagaries of the climate as now. Every school of any size ought to have an open-air cold bath available for use once or twice a day.

Answering questions, Dr. Belgrave said parents should combine where possible and make these demands from the preparatory and public schools.

NAVAL YARD LOSS.

MR. F. E. WILKINS RECEIVES PRESENTATION.

HAPPY SOCIAL EVENING.

A large number of the European staff of the Naval Yard gathered together in the Dockyard Clubrooms on Tuesday evening to bid farewell to Mr. F. E. Wilkins, foreman of boilermakers, who is re-appointed Home after serving seven years in the Hong Kong Naval Yard.

Mr. C. Young presided, and among those present were Engr. Captain E. G. Pallett, D.S.O., and Engr. Commander Sebastian.

The chairman, in the course of a complimentary speech, referred to the many good points and sporting qualities of Mr. Wilkins, who was he said, one of those quiet social workers who was here, there, and everywhere. He was sorry to lose such a good associate.

In presenting Mr. Wilkins with a solid silver tea set and tray, subscribed for by the European staffs of the various departments in the Yard, Engr. Captain Pallett spoke of his excellent qualities, and noted with deep satisfaction the enthusiasm shown by him at all times in connection with his various duties as a foreman. It gave him great pleasure in presenting the handsome token of esteem and hoped that it would serve to remind him of the happy times he had spent among the staff of the Hong Kong Naval Yard.

Expressing thanks, Mr. Wilkins said he was sorry to leave Hong Kong for he had had the time of his life here in this "little red spot on the map." Colony. He had enjoyed every week of his seven years here.

The recipient was accorded musical honours and a lengthy programme of songs was rendered by Messrs. Bennett, Stephenson, Robinson, Rundell, White, McGill, Bates, and Mr. Wilkins himself, while Mr. Longyear gave a splendid piano forte selection from his repertoire of overtures. Mr. A. Hale was the accompanist for the singers.

Later, Mr. A. Ponsford, Inspector, on behalf of the boilermakers' staff, paid a tribute to Mr. Wilkins. The Clubrooms were now crowded and the Company was thoroughly representative. After a general exchange of good wishes, etc., three hearty cheers were given, followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Those of the Party having other engagements took their departure at this stage of the proceedings, and it being Festive Time (on account of the Chinese New Year Holidays) the musical honours and merriment continued with the utmost cordiality.

The piece de resistance was the thoughtful supply of splendid samples of the well known succulent pasties, called "Pompey Pasties," as the supply was unlimited, many Oliver Twists were detected. For the second half Mr. Mitchell attacked the piano as accompanist and the chorus of almost every known English song, from "The Blind Boy" to "Show me the way to go home" was sung.

Mr. Wilkins who is well known in local social circles, and who is a Past Master, and founder of the Cathay Lodge of Freemasons in Hong Kong, leaves the Colony on Saturday next, by the s.s. "Morea."

DOCTOR'S DRESS RULES.

London.—Corsets for girls are anathema and hard hats and stiff collars for boys an abomination, says Dr. S. Henning Belgrave, honorary medical secretary of the New Health Society.

Addressing a meeting of the Parents' Association at 35, Lowndes-square, S.W., he said that no hats at all was the best condition, but loose caps were better if headgear must be worn. Woolen or fabric pullovers were better for boys than a waistcoat.

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"This period could be ended immediately, or at any time, by the British Government re-envisioning the effect on the Nationalist mind of the present concentration of their military and naval forces at Shanghai."—Reuter.

PEKING SILENT.

No Comment on British Proposals.

Peking, Feb. 2. The British proposals regarding China, although commented on by Sir Austen Chamberlain, will not be published in Peking until Feb. 3.

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NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Attempts to Arrest Hankow Foreigners?

Wireless messages received yesterday morning from the North indicate that in certain districts trouble was anticipated over the Chinese New Year but the absence of more messages is taken to mean that such demonstrations passed off without incident.

The messages, despatched on Tuesday night, were as follows:

Eighty-six British missionaries have evacuated Chunkiang.

Shipping godown employees at Chunkiang struck yesterday.

Large propaganda meetings have been arranged over the Chinese New Year holidays.

Chinese stokers and boatmen have left H.M.S. "Woodlark" owing to pressure from their Unions.

One thousand Chinese troops have left Changsha down-river in junks for Wusih.

A wireless message regarding Hankow states that there are rumours of attempted arrests of leading foreigners to enforce demands.

A large number of troops have proceeded down-river from Hankow.

Missionaries—mostly ladies—have arrived at Kinkiang from the interior.

The difficulties experienced with the pickets regarding the searching of passengers boarding British vessels were "overcome without serious incident."

A Nanking message states that troops which left yesterday have landed 20 miles below Wuhu.

FORCES FOR CHINA.

Malta's Great Send Off For Troops.

Malta, Feb. 1. The Second Border and the First Bedford and Hertford Regiments, which are going to Shanghai on board the "Mericatic" are in the highest of spirits.

The transport had a tremendous send-off as it moved through a line of battleships to the strains of "Shanghai" and "Auld Lang Syne," the crews of the battleships and the crowds ashore cheering very heartily.

Major-General Duncan expressed the opinion that there would be no trouble in China as the force we were sending was quite sufficient to prevent it.—Reuter.

Plane Carrier Sails.

London, Feb. 1. The plane carrier "Argus," which has been reconditioned at Chatham at a cost of £270,000, has gone to China from Portsmouth loaded with aeroplanes and spare parts. She has a full complement of naval and R.A.F. personnel.

The carrier "Hermes" and the cruiser "Vindictive" fitted up as a carrier are already in China. When the "Argus" arrives there will be eighty aeroplanes available.—Reuter.

Troops From India.

Bombay, Feb. 1. A further contingent of British and Indian troops has "left for China."—Reuter.

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The Administration is still hopeful that the recent amicable proposals of the United States Government, coupled with the recent British proposals, will ultimately lead to negotiations with the Chinese factions.

Reuter's American Service.

Marines for Manila.

Washington, Feb. 2. Twelve hundred Marines now at San Diego are going to Guam on Feb. 3, and 300 Marines at present at Guam are going to Manila.

With an enlarged detachment at Guam the United States Navy will be in a better position to transport men if required.—Reuter's American Service.

Hopes For the Best.

Rugby, Feb. 1. According to Washington reports published here, authoritative United States circles express the hope that the liberal British promises to China will produce a turn in the tide of anti-foreign feeling, thus obviating the necessity for the use of the armed forces of any Power to protect its nationals.—British Wireless Service.

Reported Commission.

Washington, Feb. 1. The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, has no knowledge of any project to appoint a new American Commission to investigate the Chinese situation which is one of several courses suggested to President Coolidge.—Reuter's American Service.

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SPAIN AND POWERS.

British Proposals Approved.

Madrid, Feb. 2. Replying to the British Government's Memorandum on China, the Spanish Government agrees to the British proposals with regard to the immediate application of the customs surtaxes and the gradual modification of extraterritoriality, provided adequate guarantees are given for Spanish nationals residing in China.

The Spanish Government holds the opinion that in view of the present situation in China, a political declaration by all the Powers adhering to the Washington Convention would be a delicate matter, but Spain will not break the desired unanimity if the Powers more directly interested have reached agreement with regard to such a declaration.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

London, Feb. 1. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Glasgow Unionist Association Sir John Gilmour said that the Chinese situation was one of great difficulty but that the Government was pursuing a pacific policy and was dealing with the Chinese people in the fairest, most open manner.

The policy of ensuring the security of the Empire by establishing a base at Singapore was now fully justified. If Britain had that base to-day there would not have been the present difficulty.

British policy was not aggressive but not an easy one. The desperate element existing in the world to-day must be resisted.—Reuter.

Hankow Pictures.

London, Feb. 1. The newspapers in London are giving prominence to pictures of the British marines in their stand before the mob in Hankow.—Reuter.

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LIBERAL VIEWS.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The master of the s.s. "President Harrison," laid at No. 5 wharf, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that thieves entered various cubicles on board the vessel during Tuesday night, stealing money and jewellery valued at \$287.

The supply to telephone users of complete market reports, not only from the Continental bourses, but also from the London Stock Exchange, is a new development of the German telephone service. The system of telephony to and from moving trains that has been adopted in that country, renders these reports readily available for business men who may be actually travelling. Buying or selling orders can be given from the train with practically the same ease as from an office.

A fire broke out at Chuk Yuen, Kowloon City, on Tuesday night, destroying five matsheds valued at \$560.

When dust cart No. 28 was being driven down Square Street in the direction of Hollywood Road on Tuesday afternoon, the coolies in charge lost control of the vehicle resulting in a crash into a stall and extensive damage being done to a fire alarm standard.

The managing proprietor of the Kwong On Loong shop, No. 9, Wing Yuen Street, has reported to the Police that on Tuesday afternoon he entrusted a fokl with \$4,000 for the purpose of paying a number of bills. The fokl did not return to the store in the evening and it is believed that he has absconded to Canton.

Mr. R. Valerino, residing at No. 51, Granville Road, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that some time during the early hours of yesterday morning someone entered his house by means of a duplicate key, hitting the kitchen door, stealing a Victrola gramophone, a Mah Jong set and a felt hat, of a total value of \$1,071.

The Government of New South Wales has decided to introduce an Endowment Bill providing for married men to receive an additional wage of six shillings per week for each child, and it is estimated that the plan will cost the State and employers £7,000,000 a year.

In January, 1926, the boat of the steamer "Trevessa," which was on exhibition at Wembley, was presented to the Sussex Division R.V.N.R. and mounted on the parade-ground at Hove. Since then a sum of about £22 has been collected in a box placed alongside her. At the suggestion of the general secretary of the National Seamen's Union, a sum of £20 has just been forwarded to the Henry Radcliffe Home at Limpisfield, Surrey, for all ranks and ratings of the Mercantile Marine.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Forty years' occupation of the same editorial chair are completed by Mr. Walter Lindley-Jones with the present issue of "The Mercantile Guardian." During that period the journal has grown from 36 pages in small octavo to normal issues of 200 large pages.

Mr. William Pearce, a prominent figure in building society circles, after leaving £250 each to his two executors, and a life annuity of £100 to his mother, bequeathed the remainder of his property (net personalty, £72,316) to the Liverpool Seamen's Orphanage.

According to a Reuter cable from Ottawa, the death is announced of Colonel Richard Osborne, Military Secretary to Lord Willingdon.

Natural steam rising from geysers has been employed in Japan to turn wheels which generated electricity which was eventually used for lighting purposes (says the "World Magazine"). In Sonoma County, California, natural steam rising from hot springs has been used for heating purposes in dwellings and other buildings.

Canton, February 1.—A Canton Information Bureau message states that the anniversary of the birthday of Madame Sun Yat-sen was celebrated by all organisations, showing the high esteem and respect for the widow of the Chinese Revolutionary Leader. Numerous telegrams conveying congratulations were sent to Wuchang, where Madame Sun, as a member of the Kuomintang C. E. C. and head of the Women Department is staying.

GRAND OLD VETERAN
PASSES.

Rugby, February 1.—General Sir George Higginson, who celebrated his 100th birthday last June, died to-day at Marlow. He obtained his commission in 1845 and fought through the Crimean War with the Grenadier Guards, taking part in the rally round colours at Inkerman. After an association of eighty years with the Guards, he assisted last year at the ceremony of unveiling the Guards Memorial in London. The Duke of Connaught insisted on his joining hands in order that they might together press the button which was to set in operation the electric current which removed the veiling flag.—British Wireless Service.

A porter employed at Fanling railway station has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the head sustained as a result of his being knocked down by a locomotive when he was walking along the railway line.

THEOSOPHY
"Shintoism and the Pagoda" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, February 3rd, at 6 p.m. Lecturer Mr. D. C. de Silva. The public is cordially invited to attend.—Good Library.Theosophical books for sale.
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Cyrus E. Woods, former Ambassador to Spain and Japan, whose nomination by President Coolidge to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, bids fair to bring on a fight in the Senate. Members of that body charge Woods with being involved in the last scandalous Republican primary in Pennsylvania, and say that he is not qualified to serve on the commission.

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OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

This week's news from China will be eagerly awaited by people at home whose interest has now been roused to the highest pitch by the announcement of the Home Government with regard to Concessions, Treaties and Tariff.

Also there is this last chapter of Bias Bay piracy; so close to Hong Kong, of the British steamer "Seang Bee."

The "Overland China Mail" also tells how Hong Kong spent China New Year—a sign of the times in that the Chinese are happy and in festive mood in spite of what propagandists may say.

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SPORTS SECTION

THE INTERPORT.

Soccer of Varying Fortunes.

HONG KONG WIN BY 4-NIL.

A scene of varying fortunes, yesterday's Interport soccer match, in which Hong Kong beat Shanghai 4 goals to nil, provided plenty of thrills, chiefly in the first half and the early part of the second for during the latter part of the game Hong Kong had more than their own way.

The score at half time was by no means an indication of the run of the game. Hong Kong then led by 1-0, the result of a penalty kick whereas Shanghai had made most of the running and Hong Kong's goal had had some narrow escapes. If victory had rested on the penalty goal alone many would have felt that it was not a satisfactory result although the incident which led to it gave every appearance of a deliberate foul by Brown in a favourable position for showing.

"Stars" of the Match.

However, the penalty undoubtedly divided up players of both sides to greater efforts and the standard of play was higher from that time onwards. Half time came very shortly after Gosano had scored from the penalty kick and with the wind in their favour Hong Kong in the second half gave a far more convincing display.

The outstanding features of the game were the splendid defence of Wynne who was a tower of strength to the Hong Kong team; the splendid work of Clark in goal; the hard and effective work of Sims at centre half; the tricksy footplay of Li Wai-tong, the Shanghai (and ex-Hong Kong) inside left, who was the most dangerous in attack and the fine work of the Shanghai half back line, Gash, Price and Huay.

7,000 Spectators.

The match was played before a crowd of some 7,000 people.

Gosano and Suen Kam-shun each scored twice for Hong Kong.

The teams lined up with only two changes in those originally selected; C. H. Ho, the visiting goalkeeper for Eastern China, playing in Testall's place for Shanghai and C. F. Remedios played in Lam Yuk-ying's place for Hong Kong. Teams (right to left) were:

Hong Kong.

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Shanghai.

Goal: C. H. Ho (Trinity); backs: J. B. Brown (Artillery) vice-captain; Lau Kau (Loh Hwa); halves: Hurry (Police), Gash (Police) captain, Price (S.F.C.); forwards: Baxter (S.F.C.), Callaco (P.S.A.), Marcel (P.S.A.), Li Wai-tong (Loh Hwa), C. W. Chen (Loh Hwa).

Referred: Mr. J. W. Baldwin. Linesmen: Messrs. Phillips and Dawes.

Gosano Injured Early.

Bishop won the toss for Hong Kong and elected to play with the sun behind them although a fair wind was blowing and might have assisted them materially had they chosen the H.K.F.C. end.

Although Shanghai had the disadvantage of the sun facing them they took up the attack from the whistle.

Clark was tried first by a fine shot from Chen but cleared well, as he repeatedly did when hard pressed.

Gosano was unfortunate in being slightly injured early on. Gosano might have scored then had not the concerted attack on him put him off colour.

When Name Did Not Pay.

A. J. Brown managed to gain possession from an excellent "feeder" by Sims and took the ball down the wing with a splendid effort, but he was not backed up and was robbed by Baxter.

Once rebuffed, Brown endeavoured again to force the issue but his advance was too fast and his speed carried the ball into touch.

Shanghai reversed the play and Marcal attempted a try from well out. Clark, however, returned his effort into play enabling A. J. Brown to get away once more.

It was evident that the visitors had "heard about" the Recreio's representatives for neither Brown nor Gosano could get away on their own without a mass attack on themselves. In this case, Brown was forced to send the ball back to Sims in an endeavour to give another player the chance which he could not take owing to being hemmed in.

Best Save of the Match.

Chen went in and secured, dash-ing down the wind in fine style with the team in support for once. A splendid shot, low and correctly placed, reached Marcal's feet and from his effort Clark made the finest save of the match to relieve a nasty situation.

ANOTHER CENTURY.

CLUB'S BIG SCORE v. UNITED SERVICE.

3 FIGURE 1ST PARTNERSHIP

Collage endeavoured to break through but Sims trapped the ball and fed Brown who shot away. Remedios keeping pace in the centre. A corner was forced and Remedios placed nicely, the effort being cleared smartly by Hurry.

Two corners were conceded by Hurry. Remedios took both to good purpose but Shanghai were taking no chances and always saluted in after the ball to clear.

Fine Chance Missed.

No really good football up to this period had been witnessed. Neither side seemed to be able to gain the mastery, due somewhat to lack of combination.

Then came a united effort by the Hong Kong forward line, with McGlinchey prominent, but the ball was sent wide.

Li took up the chase, passed up the three hours, Hayward made 118 out of 242. His score included 19 fours.

Fast Scoring.

Third out after batting under

time) on neutral ground for the right of visiting Wolverhampton.

HOME F.A. CUP.

REPLAYS IN 4TH ROUND PROPER.

HOLDERS GET THROUGH.

Bolton Wanderers, the holders of the English F. A. Cup, have got through another round and are now in the last sixteen of this season's competition.

London, Feb. 2.

Replays to-day in the 4th round proper of the F.A. Cup (home teams given first) resulted:

Brentford 2, West Ham 0.
Everton 2, Hull 2.
Arsenal 1, Port Vale 0.
Bolton 3, Leeds 0.
South Shields 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0.

—Reuter.

In the 5th round on Feb. 19, Brentford will be away to Reading; Arsenal receive Liverpool; Bolton will be at home to Cardiff; South Shields receive Swans; Hull or Everton have to replay (for a second time) on neutral ground for the right of visiting Wolverhampton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

London Feb. 2.
In division I of the Scottish Football League to-day, Celtic lost to Hibernians by 2 goals to 3.—Reuter.

QUAINT CRICKET.

NOTES ABOUT THE GAME IN INDIA.

A HEATED CONTROVERSY.

That India can put a fine cricket team in the field was amply proved in the match at Bombay between the M.C.C. and an All-India Indian eleven, which was drawn with the balance against the visitors.

Cricket, indeed, is one of the institutions introduced by the British that have a remarkable attraction for Indian youth, says J. E. Woolcott, formerly Editor of the Allahabad "Pioneer". In Bombay, Calcutta, and other large cities the game is played with zest by young Indian students and others, who often display admirable skill in batting and bowling and are exceptionally smart in the field.

Extends to Small Fry.

The game is not confined to the regular clubs who possess all the necessary paraphernalia. Its fascinations extend to the small fry of the cities, and it is amusing to watch three or four urchins with scarcely a stitch of clothing, use a tree trunk as a wicket, a piece of bamboo as bat, and a paper ball, and set out to emulate their elders.

"How's dat?" "Good ball, sah!" are among the phrases familiar on the cricket field which come pat from the lips of these votaries of "cricket," who have no other English words in their vocabulary!

Football is also popular among Indians, many of whom play it admirably.

"Legal Man A Liar!"

But, as in England, wrangles are not unknown. On one occasion a match in a country town gave rise to a heated controversy and a partition of one of the teams addressed an impassioned letter to a daily newspaper, in which he not only set out his case at portentous length but impressively informed the editor that "sworn statements drawn up on the field by a respectable legal gentleman undoubtedly prove that Surendra is a liar."

In the Indian Army, of course, the British officer has played a characteristic part in introducing games among the men, and Indian military teams have frequently distinguished themselves, especially in football and hockey. It is beyond question, too, that cricket, football, and hockey have proved of great physical and moral value to India by diverting the superfluous energies of educated young men into healthy channels.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Lightfoot 26 2 112 .2
Ever 11 3 39 1
Lake 13 2 35 0
Morris 9 0 52 0
Emley 1 0 1 0
Bridgland 12 0 77 4
Agnew 1 1 0 0
Wright 10 2 28 1

United Services—1st Innings.

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Lt. G. E. M. Sturges, R.N., b Sawyer 0
Major L. J. Lightfoot, R.A.P.C., not out 6
Extras 9

Total (for 7 wkts., dec.) 370
A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. Vallack did not bat.

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Total (for 5 wkts., dec.) 82
Totals:—Lt. Wright, R.A., Pay Lt. Comdr. A. P. Shaw, R.N., Lt. F. G. Emley, R.N., Rev. R. T. Venn, R.N., Pte. A. D. Lake, R.A.O.C.

QUARTETTE OF SPORT CHAMPIONS.



Left to right:—Vincent Richards (lawn tennis professional), Babe Ruth (the baseball champion), Miss Suzanne Langlen (tennis champion) and Walter Hagen (golf professional champion) at the now Canadian Pacific golf course, Langara, South Vancouver, "snapped" on the roof garden of the Hotel Vancouver.

SMALLER BALL.

AUSTRALIAN BOWLERS IN FAVOUR.

OPINION ON M.C.C. PROJECT.

Will the smaller cricket ball help the bowlers?

Following the Marylebone Cricket Club's special sub-committee's recommendation that the circumference of the ball should be a minimum of eight and thirteen-sixteenths of an inch, and the maximum nine inches, and that the law should be altered for the season of 1927, and enforced in 1928, cricketers all over Australia have been eagerly discussing the change.

The English law at present reads:

"The ball shall weigh not less than 5½ ounces nor more than 6¾ ounces. It shall measure not less than nine inches nor more than 9¾ inches in circumference." Therefore the alteration from the present maximum to the proposed minimum would be marked. No doubt present-day bowlers would appreciate the change to the smaller ball, and that opinion is reflected by expressions of leading Sheffield Shield men:

What Warner Said.

P. F. Warner, who is deep in the counsels of English cricket, in his recent book, "The Fight for the Ashes in 1926" says:—"I have had the benefit of the opinion of a most distinguished manufacturer, and he suggests that the law should be altered as follows: 'Ball shall not be less than 8¾ inches and not more than 9 inches' in circumference, and that the weight should be left as it is."

"It is urged that if this were done, it would be possible for the manufacturer to get the quills much firmer, and also the cover might be fitted more securely, so that there would be no fear that the balls would go out of shape."

As the recommendation of the M.C.C. sub-committee is so close to that of Mr. Warner's manufacturer the statement is interesting.

Sheffield Shield Men's Views.

"The Sun" (Sydney) secured the opinions of a number of leading cricketers, particularly bowlers, on the subject.

Don Blackie (Victoria) says:

(With the smaller ball) we may be able to spin it more. At present it is hard for any bowler to spin the ball.

Frank Morton (Victoria): The Marylebone idea is a good one.

I do not know if the smaller ball will help the speed. I hope it does. I would not mind if it were as small as a golf ball. One could get some spin into its deliveries then."

H. L. Hendry (Victoria): An admirable idea. A bowler will be able to spin the leather well and keep the batsmen thinking all the time. The English ball is better made than the Australian. A bowler could spin the ball better in the old days because it was better stitched. The new ball should be a boon.

E. Bentzen (Queensland): I favour the change if it will brighten up cricket and help the bowler. The change should be beneficial.

L. O'Connor (Queensland) captain: I do not know whether the change in the size of the ball will make any appreciable difference. The new ball should prove an interesting experiment.

Jack Ellis (Victoria and Australia's second wicket keeper): The new ball may help the bowlers a little.

Opinions in England.

Some time ago when the matter was the subject of a big controversy in England the ideas of notable players were as follow:

T. W. Durston (Middlesex) said: "The standard ball of 1926 was so enlarged after a few overs that bowlers were unable to control it. A quarter of an inch less circumference would make a wonderful difference."

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent): The bowler is handicapped by the bigger ball.

F. S. Jackson: The resumption of the gauge used in 1925, which was smaller than that of 1926, is all that is necessary. It should not be further reduced.

J. W. H. T. Douglas (Essex): I do not agree with this tinkering with the game. A smaller ball of the same weight will be like a piece of stone, and may injure the fieldsmen's hands. Bowlers should use their brains more.

W. Brearley (Lancashire): We do not want a smaller ball. What we want is the restoration of natural wickets.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

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"The Woman Tempted" (by Vera, Countess of Catheart. (John Long, Publisher).

Hot stuff! A series of adventures and experiments in love with a Rhodesian background. Louise Harding, the beautiful, rich young widow whose amorous experiences are ably described refuses to shoulder the responsibilities of a second marriage. However, she receives the reward of her own folly at the last, when the men she loves turn her down. There is much of interest of life in Rhodesia, where there is no "To-day of Past Regrets and Future Fears." This novel has been filmed with great success.

"John's Penelope" (by Baroness Albert D'Anethan) (published by Stanley Paul & Co.)

An absorbingly human story set in Japan. It could only have been written by one who has lived in intimate relation with the Japanese for many years. The description of the earthquake is masterly. The Canadian Pacific Liners "Empress of Canada" and "Empress of Australia" are mentioned in connection with the heroic assistance of the officers and staff of these ships during the earthquake. There is plenty of action and interest is maintained right through the story. Other works by this gifted author, published by Stanley Paul & Co., include "It Happened in Japan" and "The Twin Soul of O'Take San." In constant contact, as we are, with the Japanese people in this Colony, this story should prove of more than ordinary interest to Hong Kong people.

The Studding Stables Mystery," by Ben Strong (Hodder and Stoughton, Publishers).

This story centres around Newmarket. Racing and the gee gees are the main interest. There's a love affair, some blackmail, a murder, and a sensational arrest. This is the second book by Ben Strong, and will be well received by all interested in horses. The style of the story is very similar to that of Nat Gould. I recommend the book highly.

LADY BLANCHE BALFOUR.

This little volume contains not only a study of the life and character of this saintly woman, whose example and teaching were no doubt the greatest influence on her children's future attainment of distinction in public life, but it has also a brief biography of the author, the very Rev. James Robertson, D. D. For fifty years Dr. Robertson ministered in the little parish of Whittingham, in close and intimate association with the Balfour family. The words of Chaucer, "To lead mankind to heaven by gentleness and good example, was his business," are quoted as aptly describing the character of Dr. Robertson.

After reading this little record of their lives, one feels one has met and known two rare and divinely immortal souls, who themselves were a living testimony of God's supreme being.

[Lady Blanche Balfour by James Robertson, D. D. London: Hodder & Stoughton 6/-.]

THE GYPSY.

"Where do I live when I'm at home?"
The gypsy laughed to me.
"My heartstone's laid in the good red loam / And the sky was raised for my own roof-tree. As he carries his house on a shiny track / I carry the sky, like a snail, on my back. Till it dabbles its eaves in the sea."

"And when dark drops down and the roof grows thin / I haven't a place to be lonesome in. For I look through the moon like a clean-washed pane / And a candle set in the house of a friend where I'll come again."

"Where I wake, sun-up, with a fern-leaf curled In my crumpled palm, as a child could come,

JOSEPH CONRAD'S LETTERS.

The "Intimate Letters of Joseph Conrad," the serial publication of which begins in the current number of "The World Today" (1s. 6d.), illustrate the romance of the Polish sailor who became a master of English letters.

Conrad, who died at Bishop'sbourne, near Canterbury, on August 4, 1924, explains in one of these letters that he went to sea at the age of 17 and was 19 before he learned English.

"In writing," he declared, "I wrestle painfully with that language which I feel I do not possess, but which possesses me alas!" Yet his skill in word-painting made his writings of absorbing interest.

SIR BARRIE'S RESENTMENT.

Side-lights on authors' minds are contained in autographed letters and manuscripts sold at



The charm of the Canadian Rockies has cast a spell over the thousands who have drunk in the beauty of its lofty peaks and deep-set valleys. The majesty of such scenes that abound around Banff and Lake Louise has inspired many to set down their feelings in words. Mary Belle Rich of Spokane, Wash., is one of the latest contributors to this literature of the Canadian Rockies. In "Thoughts from the Sunny South" she has written:

Though I tarry by this bonnie southern Bay And my thoughts are bright and cheery, still they wander up your way Till they reach your Royal Rockies, with their wealth of peary peaks, Lakes of jasper, jade and sapphire, silver brooks and crystal creeks; Forest lure, that lurks defiant, on a slope that clips a cloud Lone, upon a boulder towering, pilot pine, so straight, so proud! And the scene all so vivid that I sniff the crisp air As it blows from glen and glacier till I fancy I'm in there! Then I hear your prairie winds, with fields of golden grain, And of course "She" looks out after the famous C. P. Train! To a sky of blue that's blinding, as the sun is sinking low; To a pink or purple lustre, shot by flame and orchid glow; And it makes me oh, so happy! these delightful thoughts of you, And it makes me doubly happy, for I'm "all so true!" And to Canada a credit, you're a blessing to the west!

That's where I live when I'm at home—

Right in the world!"

Beatrice Ravelen, in "The Arrow of Lightning."

READING ALOUD.

When there is so much to read, there is little time for conversation; nor is there leisure for another pastime of the ancient firesides, called reading aloud. The listeners, who heard while they looked into the wide chimney-place, saw there pass in stately procession the events and the grand persons of history, were kindled with the delights of travel, touched by the romance of true love, or made restless by tales of adventure—the hearth became a sort of magic stone that could transport those who sat by it to the most distant places and times, as soon as the book was opened and the reader began, of a winter's night.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER.

Messrs. Hodgson and Co.'s auction rooms in Chancery Lane, W.C., on December 16.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, writing from Bermuda, March 21, 1894, declines an offer for a book in advance:

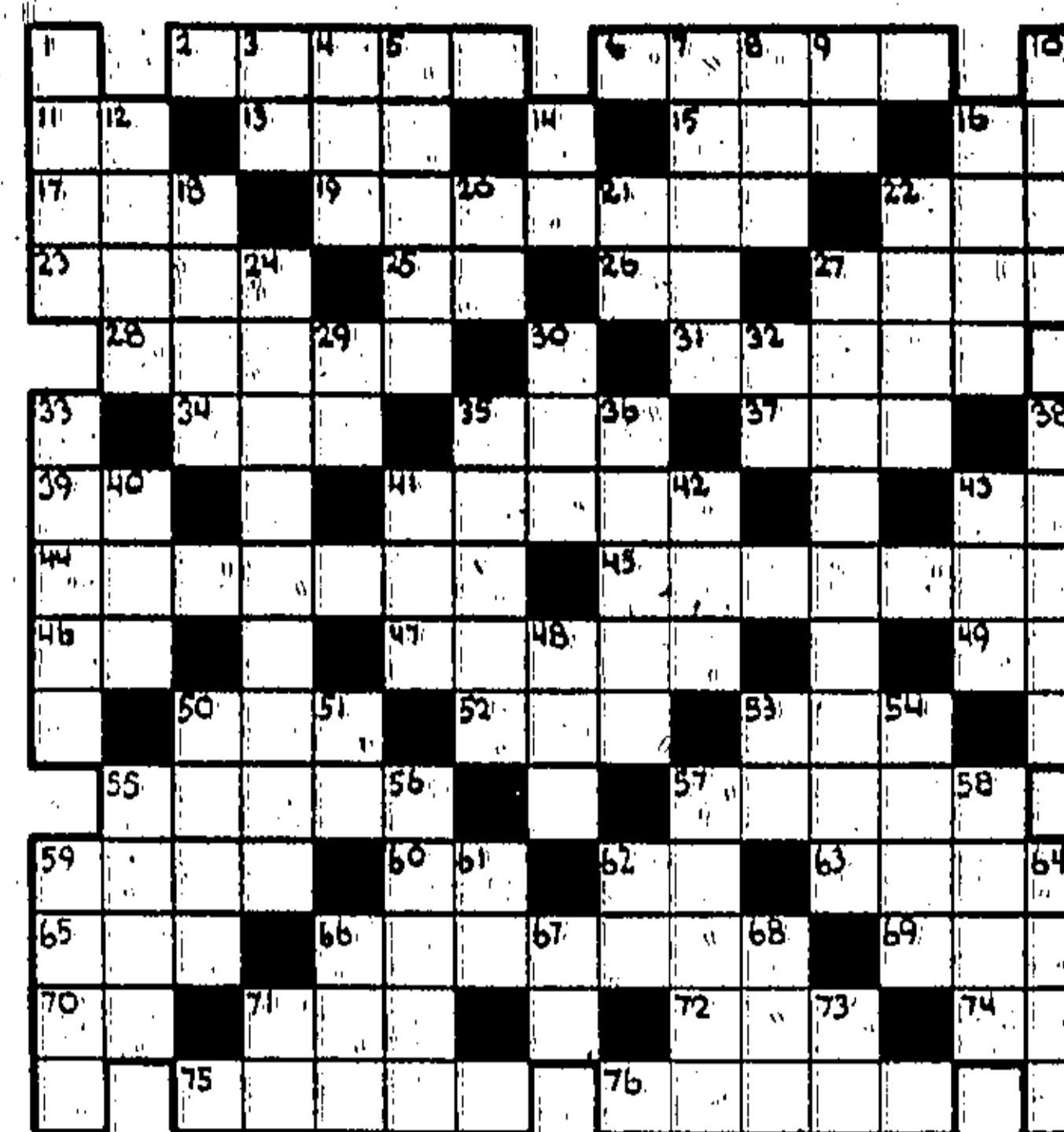
Because I have a notion it would have me pad or shirk or do something of that kind, and a 20,000-worder would take me a couple of years because it would begin at about 70,000.

In an autograph letter written by Sir J. M. Barrie between 1891-1894, occurs the sentence, "I resent being told what I am to write about."

There was not a public library in any of our great cities which was really up to date, and most were hopelessly out of date, Mr. L. Stanley Just, chief librarian of the Manchester libraries, declared in a lecture at University College.

BRINGING UP FATHER.**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
2-Small disk	63-Over (post.)	24-Advancement in rank
6-Robust	65-Surfette	27-Expulsive
11-College degree (abbr.)	67-Make void	28-On condition that
13-A number	69-Facial feature	30-Prohibit
15-Knock	70-Note of music	22-Exclamation
16-Behold	72-Bands	33-Laminated rock
17-Belzeb	73-One length of a course	35-Boff
19-January first	74-Determine	36-Thick
22-Male being	75-Without discount	38-Musical instrument (ph.)
23-Fail	76-Pronoun	40-Flow out
25-Prefix meaning "again"	77-Wrath	41-A climbing vine
26-Verb "to be"	78-C. S. C. S. (abbr.)	42-To soak
27-Highway	79-Basely	43-Small soft lump
28-Explode	80-Basely	48-Yea
31-Impore	81-Basely	50-Flick
34-Also	82-Base	51-Preposition
35-Sorrowful	83-Forward	53-Forward
37-Suitable	84-Overthrow	55-Informal speech
38-That man	85-That	57-Order
41-Internal	86-That	59-Inner block
43-Prefix meaning "double"	87-Homies	61-Plant of onion
44-Set free	88-Wanderer	63-Cut
45-Something to turn over on New Year's Day (two words)	89-For propelling boat	65-Boy's name (short)
46-Unit of weight (abbr.)	90-Towards the top	66-Mythological river
47-Froth	10-A band	68-Free
48-Exist	10-A band	69-Preposition
50-Untruth	10-Sharp point	70-Period of time
52-Cereals	10-Progressive pronoun	71-Bodium (chem. sym.)

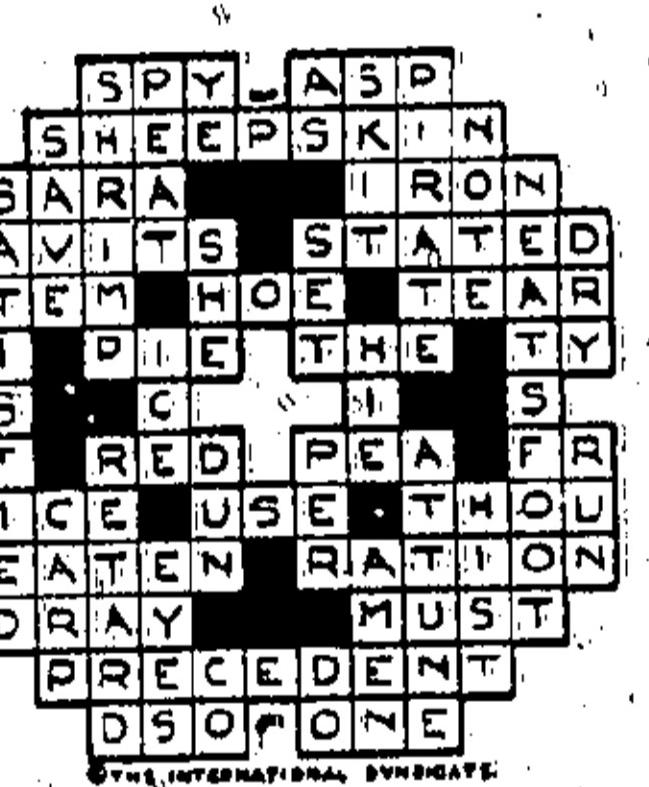
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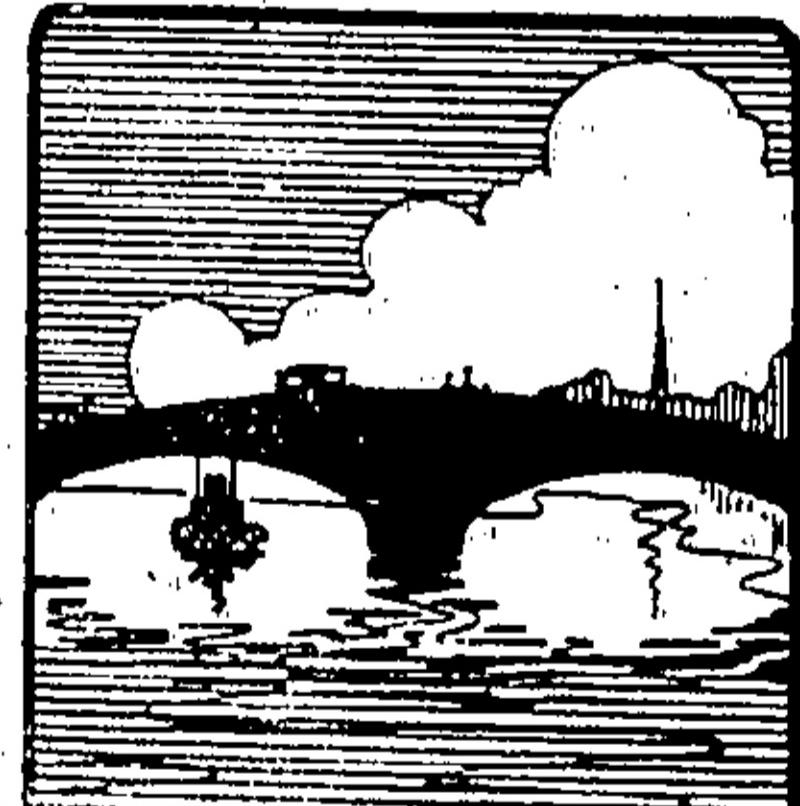
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A Massachusetts "Willow Tree" three-penny bit, struck in 1852, was sold for £305 at Sotheby's.

Christmas gifts to the record amount of 1,000 guineas were made from the Eccentric Club's Benevolent Fund.

At Fleetwood, food inspectors condemned as unfit for food 10,000 stones of fish, brought in by a German fishing steamer from the White Sea.

The British steamer "Highland Prince" of the Rio-Cape Line, has rescued the captain and crew of seven men of the three-masted schooner "Eufrosine," of Riga, abandoned in the Atlantic.

"A sunny future for the Empire" was the Christmas wish and farewell message of the Right Hon. S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, on leaving Waterloo on his homeward journey.

It is now believed that 55 lives were lost when the steamer "Linseed King" capsized, states a New York message. The vessel was used for transporting men from Manhattan to a factory on the New Jersey shore.

Colonel the Right Hon. F. S. Jackson, who recently resigned the chairmanship of the Unionist party organisation, was presented, at the Unionist Central Office, with a parting gift from heads of departments and area agents of the party.

An inquiry which is being conducted by a Cabinet Committee into the subject of the further enfranchisement of women is merely in the preliminary stage. There is understood to be no likelihood that a Franchise Bill will be introduced by the Government before 1928.

A resolution was adopted by the Young Communists League Conference in support of "the bourgeoisie youth movement." According to the mover of the resolution organisations such as the League of Young Liberals, the Junior Imperial League, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, and the Y.M.C.A., are subsidised by philanthropists or employers "all carrying on a settled propaganda against the spirit of working-class ideas."

The Boilermakers' Union's December report shows that there were 29,638 members out of work. It also discloses a bank overdraft of £227,077.

A Berlin message states that at Dausenau, near Bad Ems, a floating dock used in the construction of a sluice sank and six workmen were drowned.

Mr. J. Havelock Wilson has been busily engaged in Glasgow with both employers and employees and discussing matters relating to trade union policy, so enabling them to fully understand the aims of the Industrial Peace Union.

Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, the air officer commanding the Inland Area, R.A.F., has been injured in a collision between two cars at Edgware. Both cars were badly damaged, and broken glass from the windscreen and windows cut Air Vice-Marshal Longcroft on the neck, severing a small vein, and it is expected that he will be laid up for a few days.

In 1926 163,579 articles were lodged in the Lost Property Office at New Scotland Yard. In one day 696 umbrellas were handed in. Owing to the rapid increase of the work of the department, new premises have been taken at 109, Lambeth Road. Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of Police, stated that the change would result in the improved efficiency of the police, whose most important departments would now be housed under one roof, and in a saving to the London ratepayers.

"NEURALGIA,"

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Canon Alexander says there are no new facts to justify the alarmist statements recently made as to the dangerous condition of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Railwaymen has decided to impose a levy of 3d. per week on all members during 1927 in an effort to recoup their depleted funds.

At Clerkenwell Police Court the summons against Professor Verney, of University College, for receiving a wolfhound mongrel was dismissed, the magistrate remarking that the prosecution ought not to have been launched. The charge against George Phipps, a labourer, of Albert Street, Kilburn, of stealing the dog, was also dismissed.

The Headmasters' Conference at Brighton College engaged in an animated discussion on the relative merits of the old and of the reformed pronunciation of Latin, and a resolution advocating a return to the old style was defeated. Strong criticism was offered regarding the circular sent out by the headmaster of Eton intimating that the reformed pronunciation was no longer essential at Eton.

In the first three months' administration of Poor-Law relief in West Ham, under the board of three appointed by the Minister of Health, striking economies were effected. The number of cases receiving relief was reduced by over 25 per cent., and the amount given in relief by 45 per cent. The board estimate that the effect of their administration in the half-year ending March 31 next will be a saving of £351,241.

An experiment with specially allotted crossing places for pedestrians is being made in Parliament Square, where the gyratory system of traffic is in force. If the inconvenience to pedestrians, which was one of the chief difficulties of the system, could be overcome, an official of the Ministry of Transport stated in an interview, there might be an extension of gyratory traffic, by which the number of traffic blocks was undoubtedly reduced.

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REBELS KILLED.

PEKING MANDATE.

Protest by British Legation.

EFFECT ON BONDS.

Peking, Feb. 2.

The British Legation has protested to the Washington regarding Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal.—Reuters.

Domestic Bonds Decline.

Peking, Feb. 2.

Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal has caused some drop in domestic bonds, but there is no real panic.

Owing to the New Year there is practically no market. There are no buyers and few sellers.

It is pointed out by brokers that owing to the situation, bonds have been dropping steadily for three months. For instance the Tenth Year 7 Per Cent. issue in November was 92; it is now 77. The Seventh Year 6 Per Cent. issue in November was 82; it is now 63.—Reuters.

Earlier Messages.

Peking, Feb. 1.

Following the Finance Ministry's statement issued last evening, a mandate late last night dismissed Sir Francis Aglen and appointed Mr. Edwards as Acting Inspector-General of Customs.

The mandate specially lays down that all foreign loans and indemnities, and the domestic loan service shall remain unimpaired.

Admiral Tsai Ting-kan has resigned the headship of the Shuiwuchu' (Customs Revenue Administration). The mandate appoints the ex-Minister, Lo Wen-kan, to replace him.

Though his refusal to collect the surtaxes is given as the reason for Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal, the vernacular papers state that the Government is licensed at his visit to Hankow to see Mr. Eukens Chen. They also state that Chang Tso-lin has for years disliked Sir Francis, and some days ago instructed Mr. Wellington Koo to dismiss him.

Sir Francis Aglen is at present on his way to Peking from Shanghai. He is expected to arrive on Thursday.—Reuters.

CLEAN SLATE.

Agreement on German Disarmament.

SEVEN YEARS' WORK ENDS.

Paris, Feb. 1.

The agreement of the Conference of Ambassadors with the German Government as regards fortifications on Germany's Eastern frontiers passes the sponge over the whole disarmament problem and gives Germany a clean slate.

It is agreed that the Kuestrin Glogau fortress and 22 fortification works in Königsberg shall be destroyed.

As regards East Prussia a zone shall be defined in which fortifications will be banned, apart from those whose existence was noted in 1920, but the Allies agree to the retention of a number of dug-outs built since 1920.

Germany undertakes to pass a Bill prohibiting the manufacture, import and export of all kinds of war material apart from the restricted rights allowed Germany under the peace treaty as regards military and naval armaments.—Reuters.

Arbitration Avoided.

Rugby, Feb. 1.

Reports from Paris state that at today's adjourned meeting of the Conference of Ambassadors, agreement resolving the outstanding differences regarding German disarmament was reached.

The only important matter at issue remaining had reference to the Königsberg fortifications, and as a result of instructions received from Berlin by the representatives of the German Government, settlement has been effected directly between them and the conference as representing the Allied Powers without reference of the dispute to arbitration.

The Inter-Allied Military Commission of Control in the form in which it was constituted by articles 203 to 208 of the Peace Treaty now ceases to exist after some seven years' work.—British Wireless Service.

FALL INTO SEA.

BRITISH PLANES COLLIDE IN MID-AIR.

Rugby, Feb. 2.

Details have been received of an air collision which occurred yesterday over the sea off Benhaea, Malta. The machines were a Fairbey 3d. seaplane and a Fairley Flycatcher.

Both fell into the sea after the collision.

The pilot of the Fairley Flycatcher, Flying Officer Miles, was killed. The pilot of the other machine, Flying Officer Howlett, was uninjured but his two companions, Wing Commander Cook and Flight Sergeant Worster were slightly hurt.—British Wireless Service.

RADIO MARVELS.

TALKING WITH WHALING SHIP.

Rugby, Feb. 1.

Successful short-wave two-way wireless communication was established on Sunday between the station at Mill Hill School in Middlesex and a Norwegian whaling ship at present cruising in South Polar regions. The whaler's position was 250 within Antarctic circle.—British Wireless Service.

MORE JOBS.

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED DECREASES.

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The Ministry of Labour states that the number of unemployed on January 24 was 42,318 less than the week before, but was still 147,873 more than on the corresponding date last year. The total was 1,348,700.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. NAVY.

SENATE AND PROPOSED CRUISERS.

Washington, Feb. 1.

In spite of the avowed opposition of President Coolidge to the immediate construction of three new cruisers, which is part of the accepted building programme for the Navy, the Senate by 48 to 27 votes decided to amend the pending Navy Bill by authorising an appropriation of \$1,200,000 for their immediate construction.

The House of Representatives, however, when the Bill was submitted to it voted down a similar amendment out of consideration of President Coolidge's view.—Reuters.

HEAVY RAINS.

FURTHER MALAY STATES DAMAGE.

Singapore, Feb. 1.

Further heavy rains in the Malay States have caused serious landslides blocking the railway, and many roads.

The night mail trains are not running.—Reuters.

LIBEL SUIT.

Honour of Gladstone Cleared.

CAPTAIN WRIGHT'S REGRETS.

London, Feb. 1.

The Gladstone case was dramatically resumed with the reading of telegram from Mrs. Langton from Monte Carlo "strongly repudiating the slanderous accusation of Captain Peter Wright."

In the course of 10½ hours' cross-examination Lord Gladstone's counsel endeavoured to show the firm basis of Captain Wright's assertions, namely the after dinner talks of many years ago.

Counsel quoted on the subject of Lord Milner's reference to the sonnet from a book by Mr. T. P. O'Connor in which Lord Milner was described as jokingly using the word "aeroglio," meaning Mr. Gladstone's wife and daughter.

At the conclusion Captain Wright regretted the publication of the passage of the book, and said that if Lord Gladstone would withdraw the "in coward and fool" he (Wright) would say he was extremely sorry to have hurt Lord Gladstone's feelings.

Mr. Justice Avery held that Lord Gladstone's letter on which the libel case was based was written on a privileged occasion, but left the jury to decide whether Lord Gladstone was actuated by malice.

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